16 January, 2009, out of 402 units surveyed, the loss in export orders is around Rs. 6272 crores and loss of 1,09,513 jobs.

(c) Yes, Sir. The ILO report on Global Employment Trends, 2009 has indicated that in 2008, world's unemployment rate has increased to 6.0 percent from 5.7 percent in 2007.

(d) and (e) Government is concerned about the impact of global financial crisis on the Indian economy and several measures financial and fiscal have been initiated to instil confidence in the economy, spur growth and overcome crisis. Some of the important steps relate to RBI measures to enhance liquidity in the market and two economic packages by the Government of India, mainly comprising additional spending, interest subvention and excise duty cuts.

In order to provide a social safety net, with effect from 01.04.2005, the Employees' State Insurance Corporation has introduced "Rajiv Gandhi Shramik Kalyan Yojana". Under the scheme, employees who lose their employment due to retrenchment, closure of factories/ establishments or permanent invalidity due to non-employment injury, after being insured for five or more years, are entitled to Unemployment Allowance in cash equal to 50% of their wage upto 1 year during his/her entire service. In addition, he and his family members are also entitled to medical care.

Malpractices in the working of contract system

951. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether under the present contract system, the poor labour even highly educated ones are not paid in real term even bare wages to maintain themselves while the major share of their wages go to the pockets of middlemen/contractors thus avoiding the payment of pensionary liabilities by the exchequer in future;

(b) whether such a system do not resemble to corrupt practices and blood sucking of labour class;

(c) whether Government have ever carried out any survey in this regard, if so with what results; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government to remedy the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) Contractors are paid in terms of the contract. If the employment in which the contract labour are employed is a scheduled employment, the minimum rates or wages fixed and revised by the Appropriate Government are payable to the Contract Labourers. The minimum wages payable to such contract labour are not inclusive of any commission payable to the contractors. The wages payable to the contract labour engaged other than in scheduled employments are governed by the terms of contract (express or implied) arrived at between the contractor and his workers. Wages do not include contractor's share/commission. Cases of unauthorized deductions from wages are also dealt under the

Payment of Wages Act, 1936 which is enforced by the State Governments except only in Mines, Air transport service and Railways.

(b) and (c) In order to detect any irregularities, the Central Government through its officers notified as inspectors, carry out regular inspections and violations of the law are brought to light.

(d) The steps taken by the Central Government to remedy the situation by enforcing the Contract Labour (Regulation and Abolition) Act, 1970 and the Minimum Wages Act, 1948 include inspection of the establishments, prosecution of the errant/defaulting employers/ contractors and pursuing the cases in the courts of law for conviction of the offenders. Details of the steps taken by the Central Government during the last 3 years under the said two Acts are enclosed as Statement-I and Statement-II respectively.

Statement-I

Details of the steps taken by Central Government during last three years under Enforcement of Contract Labour (Regulation and Abolition) Act, 1970

Year	No. of inspections under Contract Labour (Regulation and Abolition) Act	No. of irregularities detected	Prosecutions launched	Convictions
2005-06	5759	60206	2991	1017
2006-07	5365	77422	2648	887
2007-08	6843	104401	3675	1228

Statement-II

Details of steps taken by Central Government during last three years under Minimum Wages Act, 1948

Year	No. of inspections conducted	No. of prosecutions launched	No. of cases disposed of	No. of claim cases b/fd	No. of claim cases filed	No. of claim cases decided	Amount awarded (Rs.)
2004-05	17,188	6,267	3,235	4,248	3,471	4,507	3,76,84,296
2005-06	12,392	4,620	4,643	3,526	2,543	3,434	3,64,16,655
2006-07	15,147	5,692	4,942	2,635	1,706	1,860	2,04,20,540

Unemployment status in the country

952. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state: